



FORT COMPLEX FIRE INFORMATION: (530) 493-1514 ** (530) 841-4451 beginning tomorrow **

Fort Complex / Goff Fire Information Update – Tuesday, September 11, 2012

The Goff Fire and the Fort Complex were declared 100% contained at 6:00PM yesterday. No fire movement outside the current perimeter is expected. A Type 3 Team will work alongside California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 today, and assume command of mop-up, patrol, and suppression repair operations at 7:00 AM tomorrow. The Incident Command Post in Happy Camp is being downsized to support the Type 3 Team of approximately 200 personnel. The base camp at Applegate Lake, Oregon has been completely closed.

Smoke will continue to be visible, but should not be a concern. Burning and smoldering of stump holes and large logs within the burned area is normal after a large fire is contained, and could continue until the first significant rainfall occurs. A large pocket of vegetation east of Devil's Peak will continue to burn intermittently, but poses no threat, as it is well within the fire perimeter. The amount of smoke from this interior burning will fluctuate with changes in the weather.

Beginning on Wednesday, there will be a new phone number for Goff Fire Information: (530)-841-4415

The next phase of work on the Goff Fire will focus on repairing areas in the forest that were used for firefighting including handlines, dozerlines, safety zones, drop points, staging areas, helicopter landing sites, and back country camping areas. This repair work is being done to minimize environmental impacts that may have been caused by fire suppression activities. A Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER) will also begin working on post-fire watershed assessments. These assessments will determine if there are any stabilization needs in the burned area such as excessive erosion, hazard trees near roads and trails, and the potential for the spread of noxious weeds.

Various trail, road and area closures will stay in place for the safety of firefighters and forest visitors. Fire traffic as well as other hazards such as falling snags, stump holes and rolling rocks can be encountered in the fire area. Drivers are urged to use caution, especially on Highway 96 west of Seiad Valley.

Closures & Fire Restrictions

Thompson Creek (18NO1), Thompson Ridge Road (19NO1), Lily Pad Road (47N80) and Bug Creek Road (18N02) are closed on Klamath National Forest. Multiple trail closures are in effect including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), Boundary National Recreation Trail, Fort Goff Trail and Portuguese Creek Trail. Please check the closure information posted on InciWeb at: www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/, on the Klamath National Forest website at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath and on the Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou. A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is also in effect.

Goff Fire Summary:

Size: 22,278 acres, **Containment:** 100 %, **Date Started:** August 5, 2012, **Cause:** Lightning
Injuries to date: 8, **Resources:** 8 engines, 10 hand crews, 7 water tenders, 3 helicopters, 1 dozer

The Klamath and Rogue River -Siskiyou National Forests are in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and check the forests' websites at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions. ###